REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending and rejected in the above-identified application. Claims 5, 8 and 11 have been amended.

Claims 1-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Yung* (U.S. Patent No. 6,196,113) in view of *Kaisha* (EP 1041860). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Applicant submits that the cited art does not teach a network interface configured to "request a recipe program from an external device" if the code input by the code input device does not correspond to any one of the stored recipe programs, as required by claims 1, 5, 8, and 11. The Examiner admits that this element is not disclosed by *Yung* but contends that it is purportedly taught by *Kaisha*. Applicant disagrees.

Kaisha teaches a microwave oven that can be connected via a relay apparatus to receive cooking recipes from an internet home page. In the portions of the patent cited by the Examiner, *Kaisha* simply teaches that the user can select certain recipes to be deleted from memory. However, there is absolutely no teaching or suggestion that the microwave oven is capable of requesting a recipe program from an external device when the code input by the code input device does not correspond to a recipe program already in memory. Applicant's review of the remainder of *Kaisha* also reveals no such teaching. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claims 1, 5, 8 and 11 are allowable. If the Examiner maintains this rejection, Applicant requests that the Examiner explain what specific language in *Kaisha* the Examiner believes purportedly discloses this claimed element.
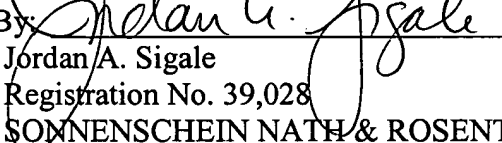
For reasons similar to those discussed above, Applicant also submits that *Kaisha* does not teach or suggest a controller "configured to format a recipe program request message including

the input code upon the controller failing to find a recipe program in the plurality of recipe programs associated with the input code and transmit the recipe program request message to the operably connected, but external device" (as required by claim 18), or "formatting a recipe program request message in response to the controller failing to select a recipe program from the plurality of recipe programs that is associated with the digital signal; and receiving a requested recipe program at the network interface from the operably connected, but external device in response to the recipe program request message" (as required by claim 20).

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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